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THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN FACTS  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Woman's Editor

February 25, 1930

American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway and 156th Streets,  
New York City, N. Y.

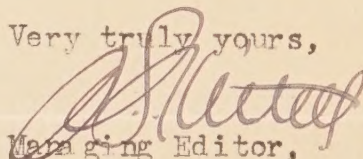
Dear Sirs:

We have frequent requests from our readers  
asking for the value of certain old coins.

Do you put out a price list or other in-  
formation that would assist us in answering  
these inquiries intelligently?

Thanking you for any assistance you can  
give us, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Managing Editor,  
CAPPER'S WEEKLY.

AGK:T



March 3rd 1930

Capper's Weekly  
Topeka, Kans.

Atten. A.G. Kittell, Managing Editor

Dear Sir:

For some time we have been deluged with inquiries from readers of what we presume to be your Weekly. We are unable to reply to any of them that do not enclose stamps or self addressed envelopes, and we prefer not to have correspondence relating to the value of coins. In the first place it consumes a great deal of time that is needed for more serious work, and in the second place, this is a Museum. We do not quote prices nor do we put out a price list, because from our point of view it would be of little value. Condition largely governs the price of coins. I am enclosing a list of dealers many of whom issue price lists. If you care to, you might fortify yourself with <sup>one of</sup> this list.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



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April 28, 1930

Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

You were kind enough a few weeks ago to send us a list of dealers in coins. I would appreciate it very much if, in addition, you would let me know whether you have any literature on the subject of old coins that would help us in answering the hundreds of questions we receive as to the collection of old coins and their value.

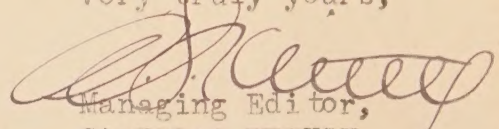
There seems to be a tremendous interest in this field and in self defense we wish to fortify ourselves with more information on the subject than we now have.

If you do not have any material of this sort, perhaps you could direct us to publishing houses or dealers who can supply us.

I want to assure you in regard to the intimation expressed in your letter of March 3, 1930, that we have not given the name of your Society to any of these inquirers nor have we printed it in our publication. Hence, the inquirers who wrote you must have come from another source.

Thanking you for any further assistance you give us in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Managing Editor,  
CAPPER'S WEEKLY.

AGK:T

April 30th 1930

Capper's Weekly  
Topeka, Kansas

Atten. Managing Editor

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th, I am sorry we cannot be much more specific than in our previous letter. We do not have literature such as you require on the subject of old coins. It is our experience that such lists have no great value to anyone who is ignorant of the subject, because condition plays such a large part. However, nearly all the dealers on the list we sent you, issue the kind of price list you wish. Perhaps the best one can be obtained from Gutttag Bros., of New York. The price, I think, is seventy-five cents. B. Max Mehl of Texas, also issues a comprehensive catalogue for which he asks one dollar.

Regretting that we cannot be more helpful,

Very truly yours,

Curator.



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TOPEKA, KANSAS

NEW YORK CHICAGO DETROIT CLEVELAND PHILADELPHIA ST. LOUIS KANSAS CITY SAN FRANCISCO

November 6, 1931

American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 156th St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Would you please tell us whether  
or not there is any premium offered  
for a \$2.50 Gold Piece coined in 1854?  
We will appreciate your giving us this  
information.

Sincerely yours,

Ass't. Business Manager

RN

November 9, 1931.

The Capper Publications  
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Attention: E. C. Nash

The \$2.50 gold piece of 1854, if it has no small letter or mint mark on the reverse, has no premium or at the best only a few cents. If it has a small "D" it is worth two or three times face. If a small "C" it is worth possibly 50% to \$1.00 premium. If an "S" it is rare and might be worth anywhere from \$25.00 to possibly \$40.00.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



December 3, 1931.

Capper Publications  
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

We have been very much bothered with about 200 letters, for the most part asking fool questions, concerning coins. Hardly a one have enclosed postage and most of them think that we are dealers. We do not issue any premium list, nor do we buy or sell coins. If you mention our name again, please state that we are not dealers and that the writers should enclose postage.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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NEW YORK CHICAGO DETROIT CLEVELAND PHILADELPHIA ST. LOUIS KANSAS CITY SAN FRANCISCO

December 8, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Sts.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We have taken steps to notify our  
editors in regard to your letter of December 3rd  
and are sorry that we have caused you this  
inconvenience. We can readily see how it  
would inconvenience you.

Very truly yours,

Ass't. Business Manager.

ECN:RN

# Capper's

ARTHUR CAPPER  
PUBLISHER



Topeka, Kansas  
December 9, 1931

Dear Sir:

We are not good at guessing riddles and do not know the answer to the one propounded in your letter of December 3. In our turn, we are interested in asking why you think the 200 letters you have received asking questions about coins, have come from our readers?

Some time ago we printed a paragraph concerning a premium offered for a certain Liberty nickel and a certain Lincoln-head penny, which brought us nearly 2,000 letters. But we referred none of these correspondents to your Society, nor have we at any time printed the name and address of The American Numismatic Society in the columns of Capper's Weekly, nor in any other Capper publication, to the best of our knowledge.

The paragraph referred to was recently reprinted in the Wall Street Journal. It is just possible that some of the readers of that paper may have obtained your address from their bankers. This is the best we can do in diagnosing your trouble.

Very truly,

Managing Editor  
CAPPER'S MAGAZINE

Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Streets,  
New York, N.Y.



# Capper's

ARTHUR CAPPER  
PUBLISHER



Topeka, Kansas  
December 9, 1931.

Dear Sir:

On second thought, Mr. Wood, if you will send us the letters you speak of, which you think emanated from the readers of Capper's Weekly, we shall take pleasure in giving them an answer and relieving you of further annoyance.

Very truly,

*A. L. Nichols*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,  
New York, N.Y.

December 11, 1931.

Mr. A. L. Nichols  
Managing Editor  
Capper's Magazine  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your two letters of December 9th, wish to say this. Every few years we get a host of letters from Kansas and neighboring states, many of them quoting the Kansas Farmer or Capper's Weekly or Capper Publications. We don't mind having legitimate questions on numismatics asked and we answer them. We do wish, however, that they would send stamps for reply. The past month, we have received several hundred letters, many of them quoting the Kansas Farmer or Capper's Weekly and they seem to be under the impression that we had placed an advertisement in your paper and they were writing in answer to this add. All of these we have written the answer on the original letter and returned to the sender, so have none of these to send you.

A great many of these have been concerned with a Lincoln penny of 1923. I am herewith enclosing a letter just received quoting the Kansas Farmer together with our answer, which answer would apply to a large number of the letters both you and we are receiving. Concerning the 1913 nickel upon which everybody is keyed up, would say that to the best of our knowledge only six were made with the liberty head on one side and the Roman "V" on the other and that these six were held for several years by one person. None ever got into circulation.

The reason for our letter the other day was largely because so many of your readers thought we had placed an add in your paper. We are in no sense dealers and simply are a museum.

Very truly yours,

IM:JG

Curator



See also: Toppe Publications (Topka, AS)

Wolfe, Jay L, Mrs.

(Wolfe, J. L.)

[Star Route, Center, CO]

American Numismatic Society  
Broadway and 156th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Saw your name in Kansas  
Farmer, so presume you  
are honest.

Recently I noticed that  
a William Numismatic Co.  
of Los Angeles, Calif.  
would pay 1.25- for a 1923  
Lincoln money. Having one  
I mailed it to them, but  
haven't had a word or  
anything else in return.

Being in destitute  
circumstances (having no  
crop for the three past years)  
this meant much to

me. Are these companies  
untrustworthy or why do  
I not hear from this



one).

Your quick reply  
will be much appreciated  
and all data on old  
coins.

Thank You,  
Respectfully,

Mrs. Jay L. Wolfe  
Center, Colo  
Star Rt.

Hooper, Colo.,  
Dec. 2, '931.

December 11, 1931.

Mrs. Jay L. Wolfe  
Star Route  
Center, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter will say that we have never heard of the Williams Numismatic Company of Los Angeles, California, nor do we find his name listed. This fact that he would pay \$1.25 for a 1923 Lincoln cent has been broadcast by a great many newspapers throughout the country. As far as we know, there is absolutely no premium on an 1923 cent. Somewhat over eighty million were made and they are easily found in circulation. The error may have possibly crept in by the first newspaper that published this giving the wrong date. The only date that is scarce is 1922 and dealers sell these for 15¢ up to possibly 50¢.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

cc:Capper Publications



# Capper's

ARTHUR CAPPER  
PUBLISHER



Topeka, Kansas,  
December 15, 1931.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am referring your letter of December 11 to the editor of the Kansas Farmer, who I am sure will be governed accordingly. Readers frequently make mistakes in ascribing something they have read elsewhere, to their favorite paper or magazine. As for Capper's Weekly, I can only repeat that we have referred none of these persons to your Society, either in print or by letter.

Very truly,

*A. L. Nichols*

Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Streets,  
New York, N. Y.